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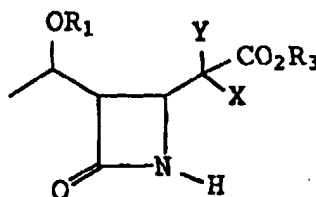
Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-19 (cancelled).

20 (currently amended): A process for synthesizing a 4-substituted azetidinone derivative representative by the formula [3]:



which comprises reacting an azetidinone derivative represented by the formula [1]:

